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Thailand Lifts Ban on Poultry Products from France and the Netherlands

The Thai government lifted its ban on imports of meat, poultry, as well as egg and milk-related products from France and the Netherlands on July 9. The ban remained on similar products from Belgium. Secretary-General to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Dr. Mongkol Na Songkhla, said that the Public Health Ministry issued its announcement on the cancellation of its one-month-long ban of the Dutch and French products after receiving verified evidence from the two governments showing that the products exported from the two European countries were now safe for consumers.

"The cancellation of the ban takes effect from today, but imports of meat and dairy products from the two countries are required to have certificates from Dutch and French authorities showing that they are free from the so-called cancer-causing substance, dioxin", he described.

Dr. Mongkol said, however, that the ban on similar products from Belgium, where the scare of dioxin-contamination started, would be kept in place for an undetermined period of time. The lift of the ban on the French and Dutch products was the result of a careful scrutiny jointly conducted by government agencies, including the Commerce, Agriculture and Cooperatives, and Foreign Ministries, not the result of any pressure from foreign countries, he affirmed.

Source: Multiple News Sources

Saudi Poultry

Saudi broiler production is forecast to total 454,000 metric tons this year and increase by about 2 percent next year. Production cost for local farmers is very high due to heavy dependence on imported feed and medicine, as well as high energy costs (the extreme hot weather requires year around temperature control).

Per capita consumption of poultry meat is reported to have doubled from 36 pounds in 1979 to 73 pounds in 1998, based on a total population of 21 million. Most consumers in Saudi Arabia prefer 2.2 to 2.4 lb birds while hotels and catering companies prefer 2.0 to 2.2 lb which they serve whole, in halves or in quarters. Traditional restaurants sell grilled whole chicken on average for \$2.67-\$3.20 regardless of size. For this reason, they prefer to buy a smaller bird at the lowest possible price.

Saudi Poultry Imports for 1998 are provided below:

Country of Origin	Quantity (MT)
Brazil	167,994
France	105,827
U.S.	5,335
Total	279,156

SOURCE: Brazilian, French and U.S. customs data.

Even if locally produced chickens could match the prices offered for imported chickens, many institutional customers (the largest users of imported frozen chickens) have indicated to the Agricultural Trade Office/Riyadh that they would keep on buying imported chickens, particularly Brazilian broilers. They claim that locally produced frozen broilers (French as well) contain a high fat and moisture content which tends to cause significant shrinkage and look old when cooked on rotisseries.

Imports of frozen whole chickens from the U.S. depend heavily on the level of the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Mostly chicken parts and some turkey meat were imported in 1998, as there was no EEP for Saudi Arabia that year.

Brazilian chickens are preferred by institutional customers such as restaurants. Brazil supplies frozen broilers without offal, which is preferred. Brazilian suppliers also guarantee smaller-sized birds which fit rotisseries used by restaurants. Because of lower moisture content compared to chickens from France and/or the U.S., Brazilian chickens shrink less when cooked on a rotisserie.

Al-Watania Poultry exports 90 percent of the frozen poultry from Saudi Arabia. In 1998 the firm reportedly exported 18,000mt of broiler meat. According to the company, they are better off marketing products locally, however their exports are aimed at protecting the local chicken market from a price war that could devastate the local industry.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Attache Report

JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Eggs	Powdered		
		Whole Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Powdered Total
1998				
January	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
February	234.6	220.2	698.0	1152.8
March	296.2	235.4	553.9	1085.5
April	118.9	250.9	786.0	1155.8
1998 To-Date	783.4	898.7	2636.3	4,318.4
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
February	201.6	251.3	566.2	1019.1
March	233.3	121.9	740.6	1095.8
April	249.6	175.8	881.1	1306.5
1999 To-Date	884.7	818.1	3,100.4	4,803.2

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	304	241	7,903	7,356
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	0	333	332
Total	304	241	8,242	7,738

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
Type	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	32	72	2,291	2,286
Frozen	8	0	141	129
Dried	13	0	141	225
Total	53	72	2,573	2,640

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending July 10, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	0	83	567	782
Extra Large	460	1,601	17,313	21,327
Large	2,440	1,415	64,346	55,384
Medium	380	1,957	26,907	31,570
Ungraded	13,450	3,910	286,491	125,585
Misc	0	0	3,468	3,923
Total	16,730	8,966	399,092	238,571

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 16,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.33	
122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	-	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.00		11.23	13.43
2,001,200 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	12.00-14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.20	

204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 10-Jul-99
PRELIMINARY**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,797	1,385	3,182
LAST WEEK	2,244	1,513	3,757
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,353	1,273	3,626
TO-DATE/1999	58,651	36,800	95,451
TO-DATE/1998	57,056	34,195	91,251

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	374	14	388
LAST WEEK	423	0	423
SAME WEEK YR AGO	586	0	586
TO-DATE/1999	13,337	164	13,501
TO-DATE/1998	15,322	213	15,535

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,171	1,399	3,570
LAST WEEK	2,667	1,513	4,180
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,939	1,273	4,212
TO-DATE/1999	71,988	36,964	108,952
TO-DATE/1998	72,378	34,408	106,786

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 16,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	18.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00		18.00	18.00

716,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	16.50	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	16.50		17.00
600,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-17.00	14.00	12.00-13.50	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.13	14.00	12.98	14.22
2,891,680 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

JULY 16, 1999

Market activity was quiet on most items, with trading on fresh mechanically separated turkey trending lower. Trade sentiment continued soft on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Fresh tom wings traded at 20 cents delivered and nine loads of fresh destrapped tenders sold at open prices for July-August delivery. Export trading was most active on thigh meat to Asia.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-19.00		18.50	180	17.63	524
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.50-21.00		20.17	60	20.17	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104	21.00	104
TAILS	16.00		16.00	52	16.72	242
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-54.00	F	21.00	40		
			51.49	708	51.72	1,132

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50-17.00		16.75	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104
TAILS		T	16.92	190
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	21.00	40
		W	53.13	320

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	17.14	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	21.00	104
TAILS		T	16.92	190
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.50-55.00	F	21.00	40
			53.13	320

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-17.50		17.14	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104
TAILS	16.50-17.50		16.92	190
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.00	F	21.00	40
			49.00	104

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	19.75	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.00	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	21.00	40
		F	56.14	1,012

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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